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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks, which are responsive to the final Official Action mailed on September 7, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 1, 2004. In the Official Action and the Advisory Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 18-81 asserting that the inventor declarations previously submitted were insufficient to establish diligence in reducing the invention to practice from a date prior to the date of the references the Examiner cites. Claims 18-81 remain pending in the present application and the independent claims are Claims 18, 31, 41, 48, 54, 66, 70, 73, 76, and 79.

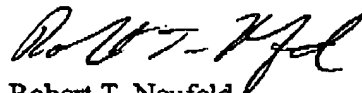
Applicants submit herewith a Third Supplemental Declaration of Prior Invention Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 establishing that the inventors actually reduced the invention to practice prior to December 8, 1999. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections based on the American Airlines press release dated April 3, 2000, the Le published patent application (US 2001/0032121), and the Northwest Airlines press release dated December 23, 1999 are rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the final Official Action mailed on September 7, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 1, 2004. The Applicants and the undersigned thank Examiner Oullette for considering these remarks. The Applicants have submitted remarks to traverse the rejections of Claims 18-81. The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

An early notice of allowance is hereby courteously solicited. If any other issues remaining in this application may be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (404) 572-3509.

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